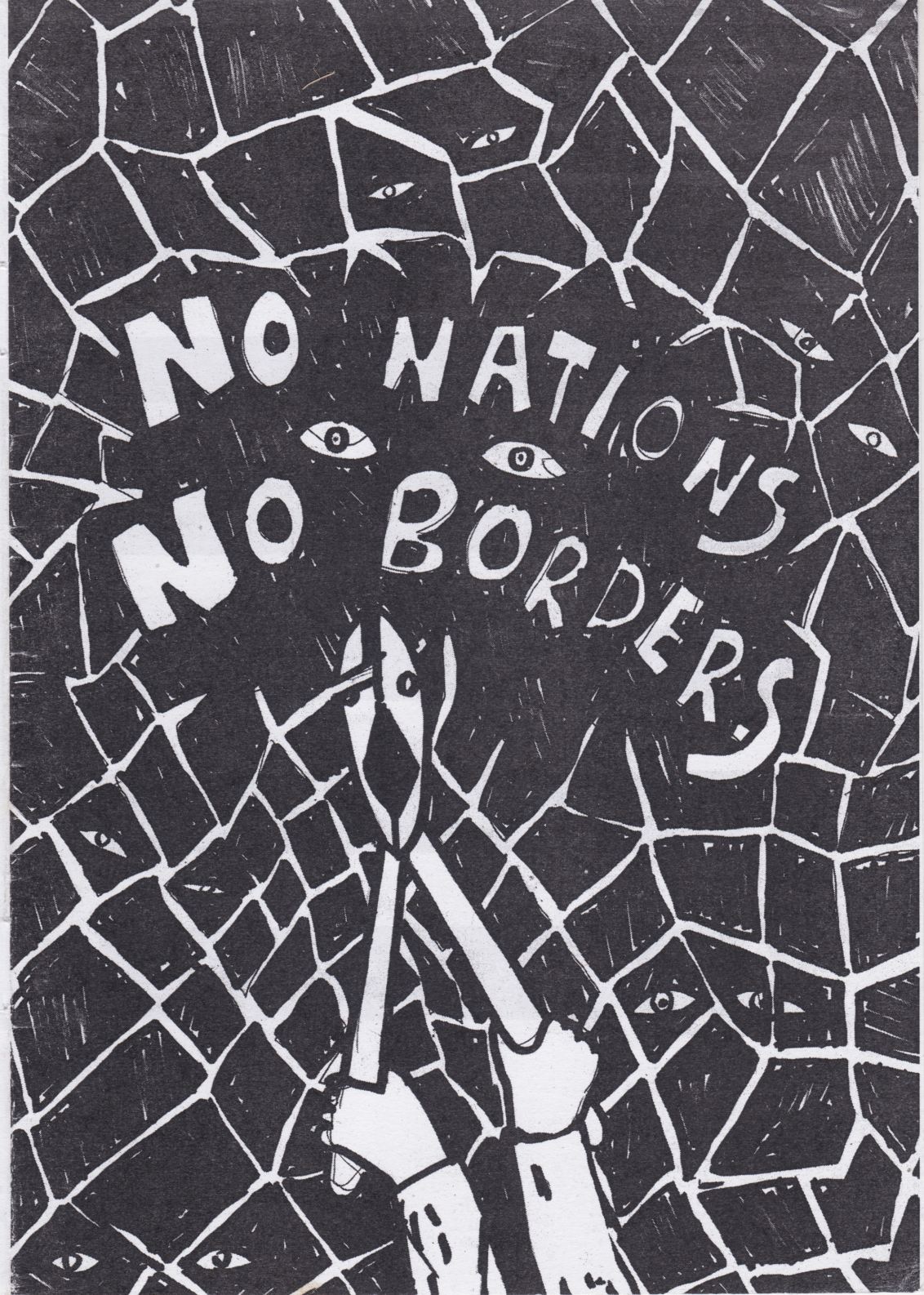


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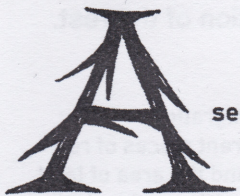
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secure border is one that does not exist. Against the system of categorizing people.

Throughout the history of history, humanity has continually migrated. The movement of people from place to place has been the driving force behind the emergence of civilizations and the spread of inventions and ideas that have traveled with the moving groups. This process is therefore nothing new or unusual. Nor do we need to look for examples in recent times to realize that we have all been migrants at some point in history. Just 80 years ago, World War II forced millions of people around the world to wander, usually unsafely and against their will. We need only look back to the memories of those in our grandparents' generation forced to leave their homes, which suddenly found themselves under the rule of another country.

The causes of contemporary migrations are not different from those we know from the past. They are the result of armed conflicts, annexations, ethnic cleansing, climate change or economic pressure.

It is worth answering the question: who is currently responsible for the deteriorating living conditions of millions of people that are forced to seek other places to live?

For years, countries of the global North and multinational corporations have been making money on local struggles and the misery of the inhabitants of the areas affected. From Middle Eastern wars for control over oil or gas fields, through neo-colonial exploitation and support for genocides in Africa, to quietly supporting fanatical organizations that help destabilize entire regions and give pretexts for armed interventions as part of „democracy building“. Western armament and energy companies build their fortunes on the death and exploitation of people.



The prosperity of the First World is based on the exploitation of the rest.

The impact of climate change is often overlooked in discussions about migration.

An increasingly noticeable factors forcing people to abandon their current places of residence are wars caused by the shrinking resources of drinking water and the area of land where crops can be grown, and the resulting famine. Let us remember that the vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere is the responsibility of big business.

This is another example of privatizing profits while shifting the costs to the poorest.

Large corporations take advantage of cheap labor in the countries of the global South, while destroying the ecosystems there. This is a situation where people are robbed of the fruits of their labor and of the natural environment in which they used to live. It is the poorest part of humanity that bears all the most terrible costs of the neoliberal ideology of infinite GDP growth, which can only grow by absorbing scarce resources, exploitation and armed conflict to fuel the economy.

On the other hand, migrants are also necessary for capitalism in the First World because the system needs cheap labor. They are also needed to discipline the rest of society through fear. That is why all declarations of the extreme right about the "need for tight borders" and words about the "collapse of European civilization" are not taken seriously by fascist politicians, they only serve to gain support in a frightened society. Fascism is a tool of the capitalist world and it is used when that world feels threatened. And capital needs migrants.

But in order for migrants to perform the function intended for them, it is necessary to keep them in fear. An uncertain existence, the threat of deportation, permission or refusal to bring one's family - these are all the tools of pressure through which the authorities want to maintain absolute control over people. It is a kind of 21st-century labor camp that would like to offer people two options: hard, debilitating work with correspondingly low pay, or deprivation of rights and deportation to a place where their life or health would be at risk.

It is one result of the above processes that led to the current situation on Poland's eastern border. The authorities have introduced a state of emergency, making it impossible to help dying people. Border guards from Poland and Belarus deliberately condemn people to a cruel death by driving them into the forest, knowing well that the other side will do the same - along with beating them, destroying phones and other personal belongings. The media, which should be guarding human rights and providing reliable information, are becoming participants in a political game in which people are treated like pawns. Of course, pictures of children lying in the mud are good material for a dramatic article or TV program. However, they still focus on the situation of people with migration experience at best as an individual tragedy, not focusing on its systemic problem.

For us, however, it does not matter whether violence by the authorities is experienced by children, women, the elderly or men that are eligible for military service. Every person has the right to be treated with dignity and to live in conditions that do not threaten their life. We consider this right to be superior to the rights established by the authorities. It does not matter to us whether an institution recognizes a group of people as political refugees or economic migrants. We believe that this approach is completely artificial and serves to create further segregation between those who can be helped and those who do not deserve help. This division results directly from the concept of borders as we know them today.

We know very well from history that national borders are neither a natural nor an objective entity - they are first and foremost an ideological creation. Thanks to their existence, establishment, shifting, opening and closing, it is possible to discipline.

It is easy to forget all this when we have been indoctrinated since childhood to regard borders as almost sacred, for which we should give our lives. At the very moment when, traveling in Europe, we practically do not feel their existence. This is perfectly visible when we look at the anti-immigrant arguments. One of the most common statements is that migrants should "normally" apply for asylum at an embassy instead of trudging through the forest. This is the divide that separates the First World from all the rest. A chasm so great that the privileged cannot even imagine the fate of those whom the system places below them.

Because in reality it is very difficult to imagine a situation in which one person can travel freely around the world, take up a job anywhere, and live wherever they want. The other person, on the other hand, has no right to leave the place where he lives - when it comes to freedom of movement, which is one of the most essential human rights, he is in fact a slave who can decide his fate only to a certain extent. The only reason why there is so much inequality is because she or he was born in a particular country.

The border is thus a tool for maintaining global dependence and subordination. We live in an era of declaring widespread concern caused by the huge increase in inequality between the richest part of the world and the vast majority of people. This tendency is manifested by large charitable organizations, generously subsidized by businessmen, and a growing number of politicians. Meanwhile, in reality, the representatives of big business and politics do everything to preserve the status quo and maintain the dependence of the countries of the global South.

The media, on the other hand, have already managed to get us used to the fact that human life has a different value depending on which side of the border a person comes from. In this artificially created world, the death of a Palestinian teenager is not the same tragedy as the death of someone who had an Israeli passport, and the death of a soldier of the coalition occupying Afghanistan is a "greater" tragedy than a slaughtered village inhabited by the Afghans. "There were no Poles among the victims".

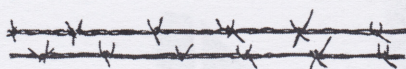
The current system and the people who serve it are still living in the 20th century. The fact that we are not the ones paying for climate change now should not be reassuring. Successive predictions about global warming and its effects on humanity are increasingly pessimistic. The problem will not go away; on the contrary, it will intensify and affect most people over time. Pushing away this awareness and treating the current migration as a phase that will pass if only the borders are tight enough is not only naive, but above all a dangerous illusion. The idea of states and borders, of trying to separate ourselves from the rest of the world with a wall, will lead us to a war that we will all lose.

Instead of thinking about how best to fence ourselves in, we should focus on trying to change and adapt the global system to prepare for the threats to come. Every aspect of it needs to be changed - the health care system, the housing system, labor relations, and the very idea that states exist. Since the scale of the problem is so large and affects all parts of our lives, it is necessary to open a debate that will involve all social groups.

Borders will never be impenetrable. Borders are not there to protect people. The only way to confront both the current situation and the one ahead is to completely change the way we think about the world, our social lives, and our values.



Anwar's story



When ISIS came to **Sinjar*** in 2014, they also came to our village and wanted to capture us. Some people were fighting.

We had a small car that my family drove to the mountains. I stayed with my brother because there wasn't enough place. We went on foot to the mountains, but we didn't make it there then, ISIS captured us; they wanted to kill us all. They bombed our houses. We escaped, but ISIS caught me again, I was in captivity for 10 days. I finally managed to escape to the mountains.

We lived there in tents for 4 years, and because the government wasn't planning to help us anyway, we decided to return to our home. I went with my father and brothers. When I opened the door first, a bomb left there by Daesh exploded in our house. I survived, I was taken to the hospital. My family returned to the mountains, after all, there was no way to live in our village...

Because the bomb had severely injured my leg, my family decided to send me to Europe to cure it and live there. We sold that piece of land and the little car. I tried to get into Europe legally, get a visa, but it wasn't possible, so I decided to go this way, on foot.

It didn't matter to me if I died on this journey, because I might as well have died in Iraq.

My journey started this way... I flew from Iraq to Syria and then from Syria to Belarus. The police from Belarus caught us in Minsk, took us to the border and told us that we had to go to Poland. I didn't want to go, but the policemen pulled out their guns and said they would kill us if we didn't move, so we had to cross the border. We tried 2 times to get to Poland, but the soldiers pushed us back to the border. The third time the police caught us already near the German border and took us to a closed camp, where I stayed for 35 days. The conditions there are very different, but difficult. I think I don't deserve to be kept in such a place. Then they brought me here because of my health condition.

In Iraq, I started to suffer from depression due to our situation. That is why I took up the fight for a better life. However, I was caught and taken to a closed camp. There are a lot of places in Iraq that may seem pretty safe, like Kurdistan, but our place - Sinjar - there is no life there. People in Sinjar are killed every day, it is extremely dangerous there. I wish someone could help them, because these people just want to live in peace and follow their religion.



I have reached the point where I have no more tears to cry. Many of my neighbors, family, friends, children have died. And we have seen it all....

This was not the first time ISIS did this to us. This is the 74th time they have done this to us (ed. - This number is not an exact count of attacks on Yazidis. In Yazidi mythology, the number 72 means the whole, everything. The term "72 Ferman" used by the Yazidis means the totality of persecution, 72 genocides. To the number 72, more are often added; the 2014 genocide in Sinjar is "counted" as the 74th), because we follow a different religion. But we don't want anything: no oil, no new country; we just want to live and they are taking away our humanity and not allowing us to exist. Now I just want them to accept our existence so I can live among my people.

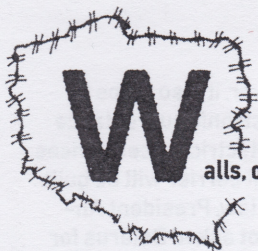
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Sinjar (Shengal/Şengal) is a region in northwestern Iraq; the so-called Iraqi homeland of the Yazidis.

On August 3, 2014 in Sinjar, ISIS/Daesh committed genocide against the Yazidis. Tens of thousands were killed, tens of thousands more became internal migrants, thousands were taken into slavery, women also into sexual slavery, many children were kidnapped (young boys especially to receive military training in ISIS camps).

Since then, Sinjar, despite the gradual recapture of the region from the hands of Daesh by Yazidi and Kurdish self-defense forces (HPG and YJA-STAR, YPG and YPJ units), has been continuously attacked by Turkey (including as early as 2022). The Turkish state uses as a pretext the fight against terrorism, for which it considers the existence of the Sinjar self-defense units. In real, this is the realization of Turkey's imperialist ambitions - the desire to have Sinjar under control. These actions are also actively supported by ISIS and its dormant or isolated cells in the region. And all this in the absence of a NATO response.

A series of bombing raids, killings of members of the Sinjar self-defense forces, drone attacks, assassinations of people embodying the ideas of democratic confederalism, destruction of homes or hospitals... These are the realities of the Sinjar region. It makes it impossible for residents to return home. It is also from the mountains and refugee camps there that the Yazidis decide to make their way to Europe.



alls, or how Poland introduced the use of illegal practices in border control

The construction of a wall is becoming an increasingly common phenomenon, and countries in all regions of the world separate themselves by barriers from their neighbors, explaining the need to protect the borders. In order for such a wall to be built it is necessary to have an agreement between two countries, which under the norms of international law must ratify the division of land and the designation of the so-called demarcation line. The construction of such a wall must be the result of the consent of both parties. Although in practice, of course, this is not always the case.

In 2015, when the Hungarian government was preparing laws to create a border barrier as soon as possible, Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vuc said with indignation that his country would not build walls, would not close itself off and "would not live in Auschwitz." However, the situation changed in 2020 when Serbia began putting up a wire fence on its border with North Macedonia near Presevo.

Building walls is purely an independent decision of individual countries. Often accepted internationally, including by the citizens of a given country. It depends on the degree of fascistization of the country and the social and political climate prevailing at the time of the proposal to build such a fence. A situation which is appropriately created by the ruling class.

Walls have bad associations and are troublesome in terms of image. This is why the European Union is ready to allocate huge funds for specialist equipment to prevent border crossings, such as drones, sensors and border guard equipment, but is reluctant to finance the construction of walls. However, this does not change the fact that such action is to its advantage when it is done by someone else, in this case by Poland.

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Therefore, despite the enormous ecological harm associated with this investment and its totalitarian nature, the EU is not putting any real pressure on the countries which decide to undertake such construction. On the same basis, it is paying neighbouring countries, such as Turkey or Morocco, to use brutal methods to stop migration, which the EU cannot use at home, due to its declared respect for human rights.

It is of course a known fact that people have always migrated, migration is the most natural human activity and it is an inexorable process

The development of technology supports migration processes. However, it also helps to seal borders even without erecting a physical structure – through electronic surveillance and alarm systems. The most popular methods still include erecting electric fences, fences made of steel and reinforced concrete panels or barbed wire. A special barrier will be built along the Polish-Belarusian border, after the government prepared a law, President Andrzej Duda signed it and the regulations came into force. Poland has not asked Belarus for permission to build the fence. It has not ratified any bilateral agreements. It does not seem realistic that the wall will make people abandon their plans to migrate across this strip of land.

However, the wall will certainly add to the risk of loss of life or health when people attempt to cross it.

The wall as a control system



Building and improving the border control system is aimed at controlling the free movement of people around the world. To build it you do not need much, because on the matter of national security there will always be money. Construction of walls around the world is most often explained by the desire to protect citizens of a country from terrorism, smuggling, poaching and, of course, migration.

Naturally, not all citizens of Poland, as well as not all citizens of other countries concerned with this issue, are in favor of building such walls. But let's not deny it, the no borders activists still have fewer fans than the advocates of borders, even if fortunately this is gradually changing.

For example, the migration of Hungarians or Poles for economic reasons is usually ignored during political debates and completely suppressed also among the citizens of a given country. In such situations, the socially imposed narrative about "migrants who want to take jobs and live on welfare" is completely incomprehensible.

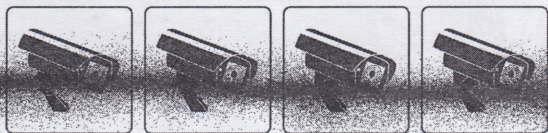
It seems irrelevant when discussing the context of the wall's construction, but only on the surface. It is also the social narrative that gives successive governments permission to move forward with further ideas for the fortification of so-called Fortress Europe, which unfortunately has been joined by Poland.

Not only that, but it has found itself at the center of current migration events and is being closely observed.

According to the announcement, on the 25th of January, 2022 the first stage of construction of the wall between Poland and Belarus began and it is to replace the razor wire barriers erected in the summer, the so-called concentric ones.

The European Commission does not encourage, but also does not prevent the construction of walls.

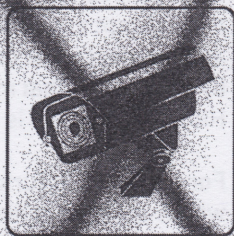
The European Union officially states that it does not fund the construction of fences, and the funds that member countries receive can be spent on border protection, technical equipment, and the construction of reception centers. Greece and Spain applied for funds to build a fence, but were denied. The EU also did not fund a wall on the Bulgarian-Turkish border. Poland, Lithuania and Latvia applied to the EU for reimbursement for the construction of entanglements and fences, but were also refused.



The greatest interest for putting up entanglements was in 2015, when the European Union was put to a real test of humanity. The outcome is five new Fortress Europe fortification sites on the so-called Balkan route. All in order to stop people with refugee experience from Syria after the fall of Aleppo. This time was marked by strong political upheavals, a real test for civil societies and ordinary people whose homes were crossed by the migratory routes.

Today we have a similar situation, although on an incomparably smaller scale, in Poland, Lithuania and Latvia. These countries strongly distanced themselves from the events of 2015 and blocked attempts to relocate people with refugee experience. The European Union neither had strong tools to manage migration at that time, nor has it established constructive strategies so far. Its member countries continue to effectively block and not participate in relocation. Poland is also among them.

When pushbacks began occurring on the Polish-Belarusian border in the summer, it was clear to many that we were obligated to abide by ratified international treaties regarding people with refugee experience. However, it soon became apparent that Poland had not only rejected these treaties, but had also enacted its own internal law legalizing pushbacks, which officially (and only officially) is an illegal activity.



The EU has condemned the actions of the Polish and Lithuanian governments on illegal pushback. This is the height of hypocrisy, because we know very well that it has been quietly allowing human rights violations on a massive scale for many years on the external borders of its borders, on the so-called Balkan route, in Italy, Spain and Malta, and from 2020 officially in Greece. Croatia, too, is one of those countries that has been notorious for exceptional brutality against people trying to cross its borders in an unregulated manner.

From our experience working on the Polish-Belarusian border, it seems that the Poles are no different. During all these actions of individual countries, the only solution for the European Union seems to be the establishment of Eurosur- European Border Surveillance System, that is, the establishment of a common technical framework for action in three phases. Its main goal is to support member countries in their efforts to reduce irregular migration.



Fortification is a huge profit and cake that governments share with private companies. Agreeing to maximize the funds allocated for fortification in each country is usually associated with the same thing - creating a sense of external threat, fear of terrorism (specially exaggerated by politicians and the media). But above all, all kinds of fortification are simply set against humanity, they are anti-immigration. The rise of anti-immigrant sentiment is the perfect excuse to plan, build and reinforce fences. It involves all sorts of business, big money and power. Simply building a wall is not enough. To realize its full potential it must have countless electronics and human resources to operate them. New technologies are provided to the state by companies that make millions in profits from operating the fortifications. Human migration is one of the best businesses for the state.

For example, in Turkey, in almost every seaside store you can buy a life jacket, which apart from looking similar to a genuine life jacket is rather a makeshift copy of it. A person who finds herself or himself in danger at sea while crossing from Turkey to Greece on a dinghy and has only the vest bought there for protection has a very small chance of survival. So why Turkey does not ban the sale of such vests knowing that they can lead to death? The answer is simple - Turkey earns a lot of money from this business.

Just as big companies make money from providing new technology, even though using it is highly unethical. We can and should block the creation of dams and entanglements, we can express our disapproval of these practices. We can take collective action and try to block the delivery of the various components necessary for the creation of the fence, and inform the public about the actions of those companies that make money by strengthening the borders unethically and against the people.

People have migrated, are migrating, and will continue to do so regardless of the height of the fence. Nevertheless, it very often poses a threat to people when they try to break through it. The countless deaths on the Spanish-Moroccan border in the enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla are a prime example.

Walls, fences, entanglements

The length of the wall depends on various factors, such as the length of a given border and varies from a tens of kilometers – such as Ceuta and Mlilla in Spain on the border with Morocco, Hungary and Serbia, Hungary and Croatia, Turkey and Bulgaria, Greece on the land border with Turkey – to over a thousand kilometers that the U.S. has on its border with Mexico.

We can try to trace what objectives have motivated the creation of fences in different parts of the world in recent years.

Leaving aside, of course, the most famous Berlin Wall, which was built in 1961 and dismantled in 1989, we can begin with:

1953- North Korea/South Korea- 250 km, barbed wire; defensive, anti-immigration
1969- Northern Ireland- 35 km, wall; anti-terrorist
1974- Cyprus- separation line with North Cyprus- 180 km of barbed wire
1980- Morocco- border with Western Sahara- 2700 km of dike and barbed wire; anti-terrorist
1975- South Africa separated from Mozambique with 150 km electric fence; anti-poaching, migration
1980s - India/Pakistan - 700 km of barbed wire; anti-terrorist
Russia/Norway - 195 km of barbed wire; anti-immigration
1990- Spain/Morocco- 20 km, wire fence; anti-immigration
1991- USA/Mexico- successively expanded- 1000 km, wall, fence, barbed wire; anti-immigration, anti-smuggling
1994- Israel/Gaza Strip/Palestinian Authority- 60 km of barbed wire; anti-immigration, anti-terrorism
1994- Kuwait/Iraq - 190 km of barbed wire
2002- Israel/West Coast, Palestinian Authority- 700 km of barbed wire; anti-immigration, anti-terrorism
2003- Botswana/Zimbabwe 500 km barbed wire; sanitation, anti-immigration
2003- Saudi Arabia/Yemen 1500 km barbed wire; anti-terrorist
2007- India/Bangladesh 3437 km barbed wire, under construction; anti-immigration
2007- Iran/Pakistan - 700 km, wall, barbed wire; anti-immigration and anti-smuggling
2009- Egypt/Gaza Strip, Palestinian Authority - 11 km, metal fence; anti-smuggling, anti-terrorism
2009- Saudi Arabia/Iraq- 965 km, barbed wire; anti-terrorist
2011- Israel/Egypt- 230 km, barbed wire; anti-terrorist, anti-immigration
2012- Greece/Turkey- 12 km, barbed wire; anti-immigration
2013-Turkey/Syria- 600 km, barbed wire, wall, ditch, under construction; anti-immigration and anti-terrorism
2015- Austria/Slovenia - 4 km; barbed wire; anti-immigration
2015- Israel Jordan - 30 km, barbed wire, designed; anti-terrorism and anti-immigration
2015- Macedonia/Greece - 50 km, under construction; fence; anti-immigration
2015- Slovenia/Croatia - 80 km, barbed wire, under construction; anti-immigration
2015- Tunisia/Libya - 168 barbed wire, under construction; anti-terrorist
2015- Hungary/Serbia - 175 km, barbed wire; anti-immigration
2015- Hungary/Croatia - 41 km, barbed wire, under construction; anti-immigration
2016- Latvia/Russia - planned for 90 km; anti-immigration
2021- Poland/Belarus - 150 km, barbed wire; anti-immigration
2021- Lithuania/Belarus - 500 km, fence under construction, anti-immigration (so far barbed wire)
2022 Poland/Belarus - 180 km, dam under construction; anti-immigration

These are the official reasons for building dams, walls, fences, entanglements and often electric surveillance systems along national borders. We have much more to say about them – they are products of (neo)colonialism, occupation, racial and class segregation, serving the control and enrichment of those who finance them and the arms industry. They are the exploitation, the death, the feeding of the business of smugglers and human traffickers. As humanity we are currently facing many problems.

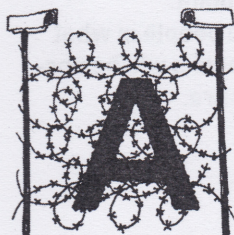
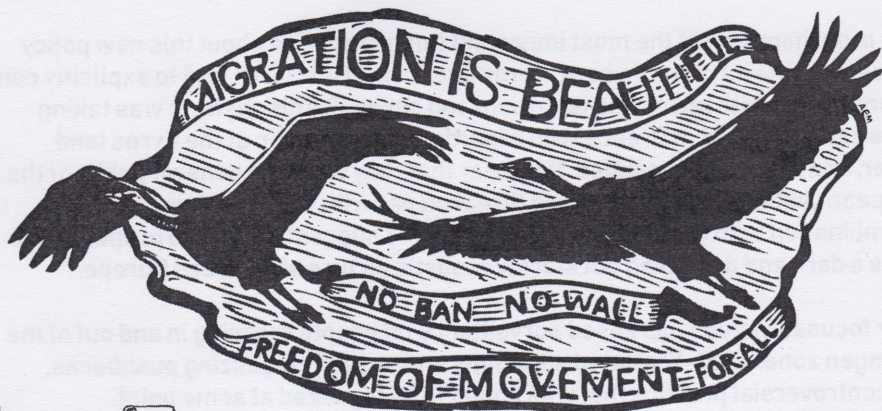
Global warming, deliberate destabilization of strategically located countries rich in resources, wars, the rise of new authoritarian regimes... Militarization and maintenance of the political status quo will only exacerbate these problems, and wars and their devastating effects will begin to affect a growing portion of the population.

Walls and strengthening the border regime, placing a value on human life and dividing humanity into first and second class citizens, will not keep us safe. It is just another step into the abyss.

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against the growing fortress of europe

Text by the group No Borders Kitchen Lesvos, a collective supporting people on the move arriving on the island of Lesvos. Through a practice based on mutual aid and solidarity, they oppose border policy and the suffering it causes.

With the publication of a new proposal on "the rules governing the movement of persons across borders" we get some new insights into how our lords and masters in the European Union will further seek to strengthen Fortress Europe. This Fortress is being built on the cornerstones of xenophobia, racism and advancements in surveillance and weapons technology.

The proposal is heavily focused on the "instrumentation of migrants". This word has been thrown around a lot lately with regards to the humans trying to cross on the Polish border from Belarus. It defines it as follows:

"Instrumentation of migrants can refer to situations where irregular travel of third country nationals has been actively encouraged or facilitated by a third country onto its own territory to reach the external border of the Member States but can equally refer to the active encouragement or facilitation of irregular travel of third country nationals already present in that third country. Instrumentation of migrants may also entail the imposition of coercive measures, intended to prevent the third country nationals from leaving the border areas of the instrumentation third country, in a direction other than through a Member State."

What is perhaps one of the most important things to notice about this new policy proposals is the increased use of words like "hybrid warfare", and to explicitly combine migration with terms like terrorism and covid-19. This rhetoric was taking shape early last year in Greece with regards to the situation at the Evros land border, and has since escalated. It is clear that they want the general public of the European Unit to see migration as a threat on par with the other two. In combination with the other developments and suggestions in the proposal this paints a dark and dystopian but starkly realistic picture of Fortress Europe.

Other focuses include increased surveillance on people crossing in and out of the Schengen zone, covid-19 related situations and possibly legalizing pushbacks. This controversial practice that was bound to be legalized at some point. And since they are also increasing the amount of time they can hold people in what seems to be a situation similar to "administrative detention", pushbacks will be normalized and deportations will be even more easy then they already are.





It includes amendments the reasons for countries in the Schengen zone could reintroduce border checks ("close their borders") but generally emphasizes more police activity in border area's as opposed to actual border checks. However, this will also include more technological advancements.

Recently there have been developments in the EU that elaborate in the area of surveillance. These surveillance methods would be needed to screen everybody going in and out of Schengen zone and possibly whilst traveling between states inside the zone. They will be using the same technology as the Chinese Government is currently using to uphold it's dystopian social credit system. It is implied heavily that not only similar technology, but also similar methods will be used to scan and check the validity of people's papers and to do background checks. This is presented as the only way to not interfere with "free travel" of goods and people across the Schengen area. This naturally would not only include migrants, but also people considered "citizens".

"Looking forward, the EU needs an appreciation of the wider challenge of developing capabilities to address hybrid threats, complemented by specific tools able to be used as required now and in the future."

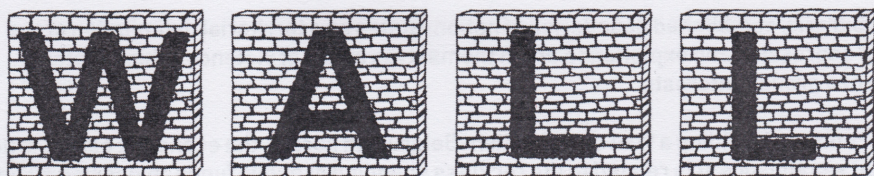
By changing the narratives around situation of people who are fleeing from wars and conflicts started, maintained and exploited by the same governments will become even more precarious. It is dehumanizing and is slowly making the "citizens" of Europe more and more xenophobic and racist.

Fortress Europe is real, and becoming stronger every day.

Get Angry. Organize.

NO WALLS





A wall on the polish-belarusian border.

While the idea of building a wall as a remedy to the problems posed by so-called "migration crisis" seems absurd at its most basic level, it is still the leading solution promoted by state authorities.

The authorities that have long since surrendered their protective function and are only an administrative back-up for capitalist services now pretend to serve as our protectors. The indoctrination that brings us to the level of the "consumption machine" to which we are subjected daily not only leaves us no space for independent thinking or action but also seizes and colonizes new aspects of our lives. The alleged rationality with which the wall-building project is presented appears from our perspective as an element of authoritarian propaganda and geopolitical gameplay. Within its framework the capital, to seize new resources, destabilizes the situation in selected regions of the world through economic speculation, military interventions and arms trade, and then escapes the responsibility for the consequences of these actions by blocking the migration resulting from them.

This situation is to blame not only on specific persons or decisions, but also on the global capitalist structure in which this process occurs. Therefore, by opposing the wall's construction, we also deny the legitimacy of the existence of state borders in general. The freedom to move around our planet is an inalienable right of everyone, and we will fight for this freedom with all available means. A wall is a real obstacle for people on the move and can affect their life or health. It is also a symbolic representation of capitalist ideas of control and domination. In the wall's Polish edition, we can hear an echo of the nationalist and racist rhetoric, the imaginary of which is based on the myth of the white and red Husars defending Christian Europe against the hosts of barbarian hordes from the east. Playing on these moods, the unjustified militarization of the border zone takes place, the access of journalists, medics, activists are blocked, and the mood is tensed, with the prospect of future elections in the background. State experts do not even question the poor effectiveness with which the walls inhibit mass migration processes globally. Instead, these structures produce and strengthen smuggling nets, at the same time criminalizing migration itself.

The authorities seem to care especially about this aspect. Managing the population, the physical set of bodies, their movement and work have always been an instrument of control. Generating a sense of threat by "others", false concern for one's own while limiting their freedoms are the elements strengthening and justifying the need for control's existence.

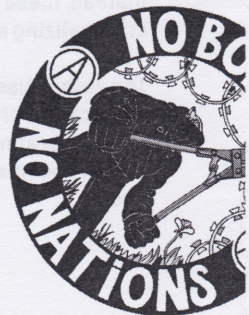
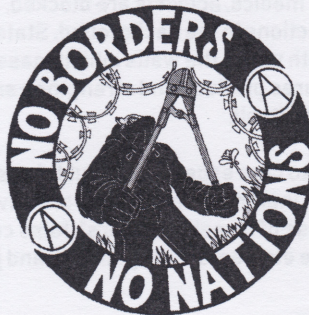
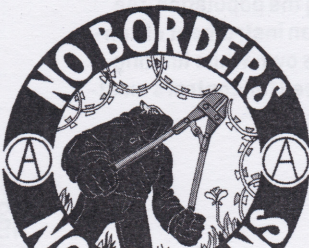
The arbitrarily established boundaries of nation-states as a territorial delimitation of the field of oppression and exploitation are in themselves an act of violence, which protects privileged groups' interests.

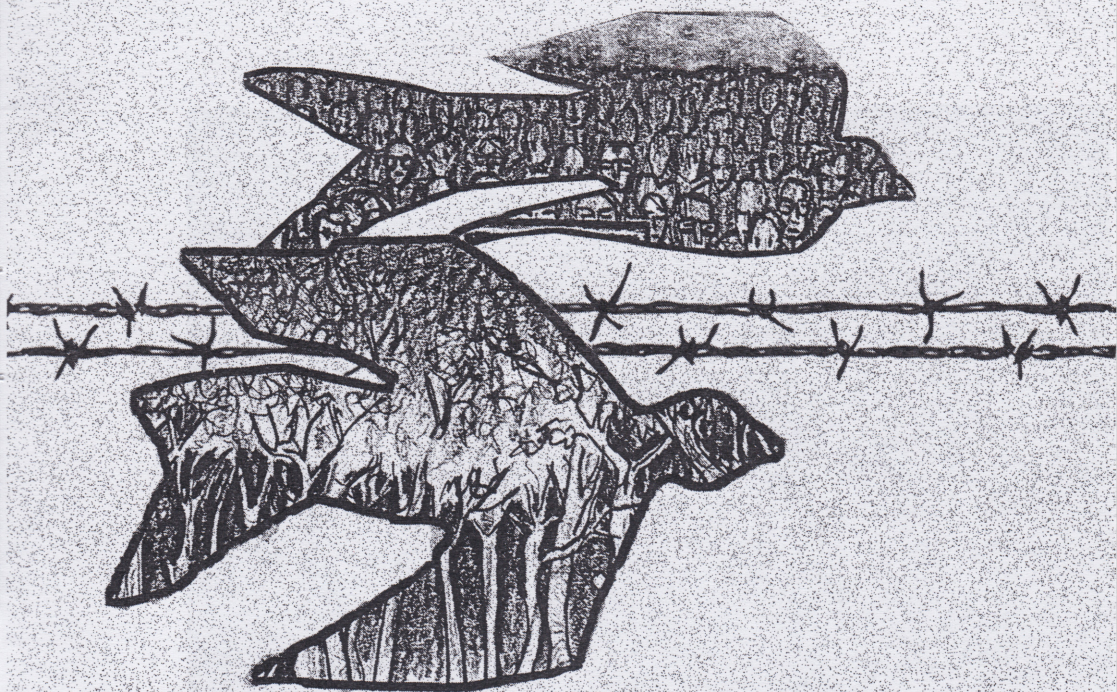
In the context of building a wall on the Polish-Belarusian border, the economic aspect is not without significance. It is related to the reckless spending of public funds, bypassing all applicable procedures. The international corporations involved in the construction and their shareholders are already rubbing their hands at the thought of future profits. Once again, it turns out that the state represents only the interests of the richest. The implementation will probably fall to local companies, often cheated by contracts and agreements predetermined by the main contractor to impose contractual penalties.

An equally important aspect is the ecological dimension. The wall runs through the middle of the forest in the Białowieża National Park. Despite the opposition of local residents, this unique nature reserve is to become a site of construction works carried out 24/7. The arrogance with which the authorities push through such decisions seems systemic. The fate of people, animals and nature is not important to them. What counts is the political and financial capital built using the crisis situation.

Regardless of whether they are centres of concentration of migrants fenced with barbed wire or walls filled with electronics along the state borders, the logic of these actions – fencing, separating, but also closing, imprisonment – is based on a repressive mechanism of protection created by the plunder and exploitation of accumulated capital. The struggle against frontiers cannot be abstracted from the rest of the structural and interconnected instruments of capitalist repression such as class, racial and gender divisions or the patriarchal hierarchy. By drawing the boundaries within us, strengthening conflicts and antagonisms, the capital plays and manages our lives within the framework of its identity policy. Discrimination against the "Other" is also discrimination against what is different within ourselves.

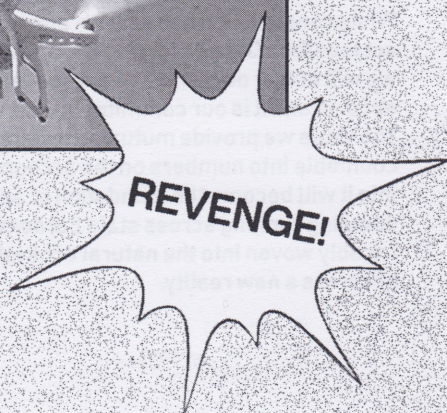
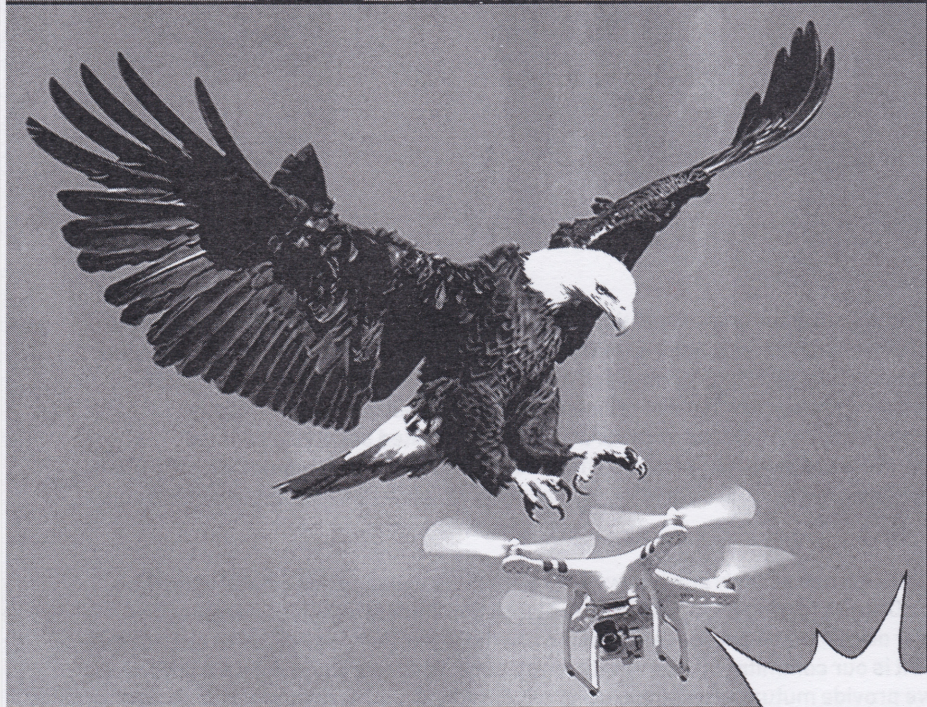
The case of the wall, like a lens, focuses on the trouble spots of contemporary capitalist pseudo-politics. Psychopathic need to control and manage "human biomass"; mindless ignorance of the suffering of others; disguised racist prejudices and fascist authoritarianism; the economic pathology of corruption and profit at all costs with the simultaneous instrumental treatment of nature and its resources.





That is why we call on all interested parties in Poland and the world to resist the building of the wall and what it represents; against authorities, contractors, shareholders and investors. We call for solidarity with migrants and harmed nature and objection to mindlessly wasted taxpayers' money. Any form of resistance is better than passive complicity; we encourage small, autonomous and more widely coordinated actions to contain construction. We leave open the form that these activities will take: demonstrations, pickets, murals, blockades, banners; in defending the values in which we believe, let us not limit ourselves.

While construction has already started, we believe that we will stop this catastrophe if we act together. Despite forcing us to meaningless work and equally mindless consumption, we will not let ourselves be persuaded what form of life is worth living. It is up to us to decide about it, and it is our commitment, not empty regulations, to create a new, egalitarian order. The value we provide mutual assistance is not countable into numbers on the accounts. Our attitude, selfless work and the heart we put into it will become the foundation of another wall, a wall of cooperation and mutual understanding running across state borders and identity narratives; the wall of our bodies inextricably woven into the natural ecosystem joined together in the weave of a community that becomes a new reality.



A voice from solidarity demonstration near the detention center in Krosno Odrzańskie

We have gathered here today for a spontaneous solidarity demonstration.

We are here to express our support for all those deprived in concentration centres, officially called "detention centres". This innocent name is used for places that are worse than prisons, where people are held indefinitely and deprived of their fundamental rights.

Stop criminalising migration! No one is illegal!

The criterion for deciding whether a person will be imprisoned in a concentration centre is merely an arbitrary decision of the border guards that they are "illegal".

Deprivation of liberty is thus determined by one's origin.

This shows vividly that as humanity we learn nothing from our terrible history. Precisely this division of people into first and second category, dehumanisation of entire social or national groups and punishment for origin was the systemic basis for committing the greatest crimes. Today we are forced to confront the racist policy of Poland and of the European Union, which is imprisoning thousands of people simply on the basis of their nationality.

Detention camp are a specific institution designed to punish people for their origin.

People deprived of their liberty practically have no rights.

They do not know how long they will be locked up, they are deprived of contact with their families and friends, they are also lacking proper medical and psychological care.

They experience violence and contempt at the hands of the functionaries. They have no access to lawyers. They do not know what stage of the asylum process they are at. They could be deported any day. They are forced to stay in overcrowded cells, deprived of any activity.

Treating people in this way is torture.



Treating people in this way is contrary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which has been signed by the countries that currently apply these practices. Highly developed countries pride themselves on respecting these rights, they claim to be the 'free world'. In reality, all declarations and conventions which, in fine words, guarantee people's right to freedom and security, always give way to economic considerations – the interests of the energy and arms industries.

We say it loud and clear here and now – this is the hypocrisy of those in power! In reality, they have no regard for people's lives and all the platitudes about freedom and peace only serve to cover up their real activities.

Criminalisation of migration is an immoral act with many negative consequences. many negative consequences. It stigmatises, separates families, restricts access to education and development, and accumulates traumas.

Deprived of any rights, they resort to the ultimate forms of protest.

Hunger strike.

Rebellion.

Suicide.

The countries of the Global North are directly responsible for destabilisation of many regions of the world. The fight for raw materials, trade routes and cheap labour are the causes of tragedy for millions of people. Prosperity of the "first world" is built on suffering and exploitation. In order to maintain control over territories which are economically and militarily valuable, successive 'stabilisation missions' are carried out, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people.

They also fuel the rise and functioning of authoritarian regimes. The result is that, in the name of promoting democracy, all forms of democracy are actually being killed off. Autocratic fanatic regimes are needed by big capital for two reasons. On the one hand, they are a guarantee of control over a given territory. In this way, the 'civilised' West is able to shift responsibility for human rights' violations onto other governments. The history of South American and African regimes is a clear example. It is with European Union money that the Moroccan authorities imprison and kill refugees to stop them reaching Europe. The consent of the West makes it possible for the authorities in that country to pursue a colonial and inhumane policy against the people of the Western Sahara.

The European Union's money has been enabling the Erdogan's regime in Turkey to carry out the genocide of the Kurdish people and the brutal suppression of any opposition for years. It is the alliance formed by the US and European countries that has created Daesh. The exploitation of the countries of the Global South is simultaneously linked to the destruction of its ecosystems. The plundering capitalist economy has no regard for people or nature. As a result, more and more places are becoming uninhabitable and more and more areas are being depleted. More and more people are condemned to hunger and poverty. We are not interested in assessing the reasons why people leave their place of residence and seek a better life elsewhere.

One of the fundamental human rights is the freedom to move and choose where to live.



However, we cannot ignore the fact that because of politics millions of people are forced to abandon their homes. The fact that in our part of the world we live in the most prosperous times does not come from nowhere.

Our comfort is bought with blood.

We will never accept that!

We are here to shout out our protest. We want every incarcerated and imprisoned person in concentration centres to know that we keep them in mind and we support their struggle.

Despite the authorities and the media doing everything to erase them, we will remember!

As long as anyone is imprisoned, none of us are free!

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